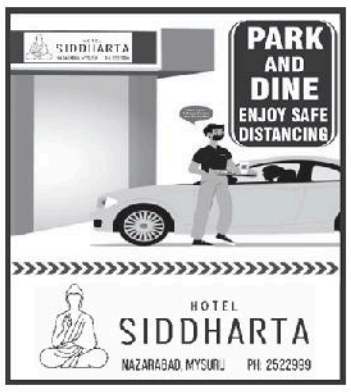

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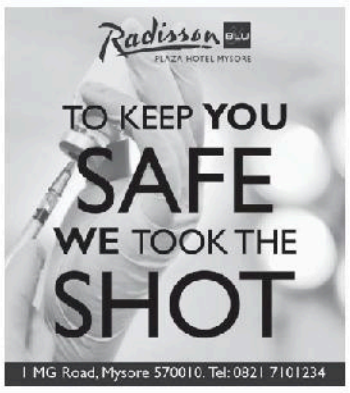

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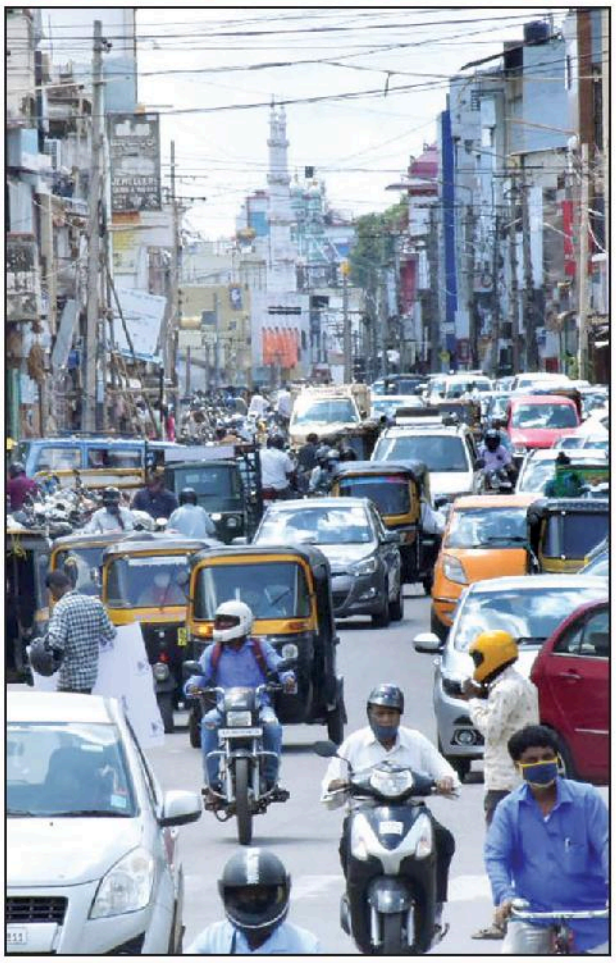

Ashoka Road

Mysuru, July 5 (RK&BCT)- After over two months, normal life resumed in Mysuru this morning after the State Government announced a further ease in lockdown restrictions under Unlock 3.0. Most establishments opened to 100 percent capacity after putting in place SOPs to ensure COVID-appropriate behaviour both from the staff and customers. People and vehicles flooded the streets while Bus stands, Railway Stations, roads and shops were brimming with people. As the day progressed, rush was seen at most shops throughout the city bringing a smile on the faces of traders.

(See UNLOCKED on page 7)

To Our Readers

*Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled "**Memorial for a Hindu Monk.**" —Ed*

Automated Vehicle Inspection and Certification Centre to be opened tomorrow

Mysuru, July 5 (KS)- Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi, who is also the Transport Minister, will inaugurate the new Automated Vehicle Inspection and Certification Centre at Regional Transport Office (RTO) - East in Rajivnagar 3rd Stage, Devanur Layout, opposite Narayana Hospital on the Outer Ring Road here at 12.30 pm tomorrow (July 6).

District Minister S.T. Somashekar, MPs Pratap Simha, V. Sreenivasa Prasad and Sumalatha Ambarish, Legislators, Chairmen of all Boards and Corporations, Joint Transport Commissioner of Mysuru Division Dr. C.T. Murthy, Deputy Transport Commissioner and Senior Regional Transport Officer (West) Siddappa H. Kallera, Regional Transport Officer (East) L. Deepak and others will be present.

(See VEHICLE on page 7)

An inside view of the new Automated Vehicle Inspection and Certification Centre at RTO (East) in Rajivnagar.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 5th July 2021

Virtual International Conference on Advanced Materials on July 6 and 7

Mysuru, July 5- The Department of Chemistry, JSS Science & Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru, is organising a two-day Virtual International Conference on Advanced Materials from tomorrow (July 6 and 7).

Advanced Materials play a vital role in our lives due to their importance in Agriculture, energy and hygiene of environment. Advanced Materials are at the heart of many technological developments that touch our lives and find applications such as electronic materials for communication and information technology, biomaterials for better health care, sensors for intelligent environment, energy materials for renewable energy and light alloys for better transportation, materials for biotechnological applications etc.

This conference is organised to bring together all those who are involved in research and development of advanced materials for agriculture, energy and environment. It will provide a platform for all the young and active scientists / engineers and UG/ PG students to present their work and create conductive environment to encourage scientific interaction about the latest researches in this field.

Over 30 researchers from different parts of the country and outside the country will be presenting their research work. A total of about 200 participants have already registered.

The event will be inaugurated by chief guest Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSSAHER), Mysuru, President, Pharmacy Council of India, at 9.30 am tomorrow. Dr. S.A. Dhanaraj, Registrar, JSS STU, will preside. Dr. H.R. Mahadev Swamy, Joint Director, TED, JSS MVP and Dr. S.B. Kivade, Principal, SJCE, JSS STU, will be the guests of honour. Prof. P. Mallu, Convenor, Dean Science, Head, Department of Chemistry, SJCE, JSS S&TU, will be present.

The invited research speakers are: Dr. Yasemin Saygideger, Professor, Cukurova University Turkey; Dr. Burcu Saygideger Demir, Professor, Cukurova University, Turkey; Dr. Sakthi Pandi, Associate Dean (Research), SRM University, Trichy Campus; Dr. Siddabasave Gowda, Professor, Hokkaido University, Japan; Dr. Asha Srinivasan, Professor, & Programme Coordinator, Division of Nanoscience & Technology, JSS AHER; Dr. R. Jothi Ramalingam, Professor, Department of Chemistry, Surfactant Research Chair, King Saud University, Saudi Arabia.

[Google Meet link: meet.google.com/woh-ucph-txo]

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The findings of the Supreme Court appointed National Task Force to maintain a strategic oxygen reserve must be urgently followed up to avoid a repeat of the crippling oxygen shortage witnessed during the second wave. All big hospitals in India must also have on-situ oxygen generation plants instead of having to rely on archaic, clunky methods of refilling with oxygen tanker lorries. In the COVID pandemic, oxygen had emerged as a key lifesaver and with the threat of the disease still lurking, there is no scope for complacency. The audit of Delhi's oxygen usage during the second wave has found that the AAP Government inflated oxygen demand by four times going by its bed capacity. Delhi's demand was indeed unnaturally high but it must be recalled that during the peak of the second wave a large number of people could not secure beds in hospitals and were doing the rounds of private oxygen refillers to secure oxygen cylinders for home care. Given that States like Maharashtra could manage the pandemic without the scenes Delhi witnessed of inadequate beds and oxygen supply there is a pressing need to review emergency public health protocols. Plug-and-play triaging systems comprising war rooms, doctors, call centre staff, mobile paramedical units and field workers that can be deployed on short notice must be devised across India.

— In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Women's shoe thief arrested again in 7 years

Tokyo: Seven years after being busted for allegedly stealing over 200 pairs of women's shoes, a Japanese man was once again arrested and deprived of his collection of 139 pairs of women's footwear.

On June 10, following the raid of a local man's home, Police in Murakami, Japan, displayed a rather unusual haul - 139 pairs of worn nurse shoes, high-heel pumps and sandals - neatly arranged on a large blue tarp. They were found in the possession of Tsunehito Isobe, a 47-year-old office worker known to have a strange fetish for used women's shoes. Interestingly, the same man had been arrested for the exact same crime seven years earlier, when his 200-pair collection was confiscated by Police.

Get flunged by crane to reach this island

Okinawa: Minami-daitojima, a small Japanese island surrounded by raised coral reef, has no beaches or docks, so the only way for people or boats to make it on the island is to be flung through the air by large industrial cranes.

A round uplifted coral island in the Okinawa archipelago, Minami-daitojima, aka Daito Island, has been using cranes to get people and small boats on and off for the last 50 years. Because of the coral reefs surrounding it, ships can only moor up to 4 to 6 meters away, so this method is the safest to reach or leave the island. Boats are secures with straps and chains, while people have to get in an elevator-like cage, fasten the door and get flunged through the air by an industrial crane.

Daito Kaiun, the company in charge of operating the crane, apparently inherited this ingenious method from another company decades ago. Tomonori Miura, who runs operations on Daito Island, said that building a dock would be expensive and difficult, so this unusual method is preferable.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Alertness while driving avoids road accidents and the resulting trauma. Know the traffic rules and drive safely. Follow these tips when you are driving: Stay alert, don't drink and drive, slow down, mind the signal and follow the traffic rules.

By Dr. Sanjana - Consultant Emergency Medicine

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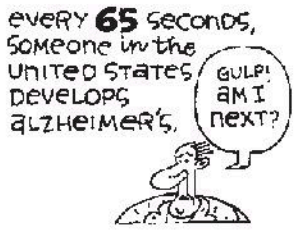

Approximately 47 million people globally are living with dementia. 1 in 10 people over age 65 has Alzheimer's. As baby boomers move into their 70s, dementia has reached epidemic proportions, with numbers expected to double in 15 years.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JULY 3	JULY 4
Day's Positive Cases	227	162
Total Positive Cases	1,67,624	1,67,786
Day's Discharges	490	522
Total Discharges	1,61,258	1,61,780
Day's Deaths	7	9
Total Deaths	2,194	2,203
Total Active Cases	4,172	3,803

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Unlock 3.0: Public Libraries to open from tomorrow

Mysuru, July 5 (RKB)- With the State Government giving permission to open Public Libraries under its new regulations of Unlock 3.0, all the Public Libraries in the district will be open for public use, informed Mysuru City Central Library Dy. Director B. Manjunath.

Mysuru City Central Library, all Public Libraries in Mysuru limits and Kuvempu Mobile Library will all function in the specified time like before.

People must compulsorily follow COVID guidelines like wearing mask and maintaining social distance and undergoing thermal screening and using sanitiser kept at the entrance of the libraries. Those with high body temperature will not be allowed inside the libraries, Manjunath added.

REALLY...?

- ***Americans eat approximately 100 acres of pizza each day, or 350 slices per second.***
- ***October has been celebrated as National Pizza month since 1987.***
- ***Over 5 billion pizzas are sold worldwide each year.***
- ***The longest pizza delivery was from Cape Town, South Africa to Sydney, Australia.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

My neighbour just finished writing a book on "HOW TO MAKE MONEY." Now he needs money to publish it...
SO I TOLD HIM TO READ THE BOOK !!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.47
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.00
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.27
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.29

VOICE OF THE READER

Pathetic condition of Park

Sir,

Recently I started going for evening walk in the park located behind JSS Law College, Kuvempunagar and it was so disheartening to see the state of the park. Many elderly come for walks and the park is no less than a dustbin.

Where are the area Corporators or authorities concerned? Can't they even take initiative to maintain the park for the tax-paying public?

There is a beautiful kids playing area, but I am sure one will be scared to take their kids there as it is surrounded by unwanted plants and chances of snakes or insects is high. And not to end, you get to see plenty of beer bottles, water bottles, food packages strewn all over the Park.

I would request the authorities concerned to maintain at least basic cleanliness in the park, sweep the walking path and open gym area and make it a happier place for elderly and kids. *[see pics above].*

—Divya

Mysuru
1.7.2021

RBI changes rules for Fixed Deposits

Claim your money as soon as FD matures lest you face a loss

New Delhi, July 5 (Agencies)- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has changed the rules for Fixed Deposits (FD) as it said that if a customer has not claimed FD even after maturity, then he/she will have to bear the loss in terms of interest in savings. The bank further stated that customers can still earn interest after Term Deposit (TD) matures and proceeds are unpaid.

"It has been decided that if a Term Deposit (TD) matures and proceeds are unpaid, the amount left unclaimed with the bank shall attract rate of interest as applicable to savings account or the contracted rate of interest on the matured TD, whichever is lower," the RBI stated in statement.

In fact, RBI has said in one of its circulars that if an FD matures and its payment is not made or it remains lying with the bank without claim, then the interest rate on it according to the savings account or on the matured FD. The lesser of the contracted interest will be available there.

The Reserve Bank comes with a guideline where it says that this decision will be applicable to all types of banks. These include Commercial Banks, Small Finance Banks, Urban Co-operative Banks, Local Area Banks, State Co-operative Banks and District Central Co-operative Banks.

In FD, an amount is invested for a predetermined time. It gives slightly better interest than normal savings. If the same investment is made for a period of 5 years or more, then the benefit of tax saving is also available.

Fixed Deposits (FDs) can be taken from any bank or can also be done in the post office. Investments on FDs can take advantage of loans, but this facility is not available on tax-saving FDs.

The amendment comes as unclaimed deposits with banks have been growing every year. RBI classifies a deposit as unclaimed when a customer doesn't make any transaction in the account for 10 years or more. Unclaimed deposits include such funds in current and savings accounts, fixed deposits and other deposits (like recurring deposit, pay orders, etc.) with banks.

All such money is transferred to RBI's Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund every month. In the financial year 2019-20, DEA fund was about Rs. 33,114 crore. Last year, it was Rs. 25,747 crore, according to the Central Bank's annual report.

The money transferred to the fund by various banks is invested in instruments such as Government securities by a committee set up by the RBI. The income thus earned is used for paying interest on the deposits as well as using it for investor awareness and education purposes.

Veteran politician G. Madegowda hospitalised in B'luru, to be shifted to Mandya today

Mandya, July 5- Veteran politician of Mandya and former Minister G. Madegowda has been admitted to a Hospital in Bengaluru following age-related illness.

The 94-year-old politician, who was suffering from lung ailments, was admitted to the Hospital 15 days ago.

Madegowda, who served as Forest Minister in R. Gundurao-led Congress Government in the 1980s, was elected thrice from the then Kirugavalu Assembly segment in Mandya district. He was also elected as Lok Sabha MP from Mandya twice in 1989 and 1991. A veteran politician from Mandya district, Madegowda was in the forefront of Cauvery agitation and was part of many a farmers struggle.

G. Madegowda

Madegowda will be shifted to G. Madegowda Multi-speciality Hospital at Bharathinagar in Maddur taluk today, according to his son Madhu Madegowda, who is a former MLC.

Former Chief Minister and senior BJP leader S.M. Krishna visited the Hospital at Bengaluru where Madegowda is being treated and enquired about his health condition.

MCDCC Bank Branch, Raitha Spandana programme inauguration tomorrow

Mysuru, July 5 (RKB&DM)- District Minister S.T. Somashekar will inaugurate the new branch of MCDCC (Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Co-operative Central) Bank at Hebbal (Surya Bakery road) in the city at 10.30 am on July 6.

Announcing this at a press meet at MCDCC Bank Head Office at Nehru Circle on Ashoka Road here yesterday, MCDCC Bank President G.D. Harish Gowda said that following the inauguration of the bank branch at 10.30 am, District Minister Somashekar will inaugurate 'Raitha Spandana' at KSOU auditorium at Mukthagangothri on Hunsur road at 11 am, during which farmers and dairy farmers will be distributed loans.

Pointing out that the Bank has proposed to distribute crop loans of Rs.860 crore to 90,000 member farmers, he said that about 20 farmers will be distributed cheques symbolically at the programme.

Highlighting the initiatives and benefits extended by the Bank to agri farmers, poultry farmers, dairy farmers etc., Harish Gowda said that during the Raitha Spandana programme, it is also proposed to distribute Rs.904.40 lakh MSC loan to 39 Co-operative Societies under NABARD's special initiative.

MCDCC Bank President G.D. Harish Gowda addressing the press meet in city yesterday as others look on.

Maintaining that 280 farmers from Mysuru and Chamarajanagar district have lost their lives due to COVID since the pandemic broke out last year, Harish Gowda said that MCDCC Bank is mulling on ways to waive off a total of Rs. 2.10 crore that was availed as crop loan by the deceased farmers.

Continuing, Harish Gowda said that the MCDCC Bank had advanced loan of Rs. 704 crore when he took over as the Bank's President in Nov. 2018. Now the loan advancement has increased to Rs.1,012.82 crore by the end of March this year.

Likewise the Bank deposits has risen to Rs.695.75 crore from 377.17 crore and the investments has increased from Rs.180.52 crore to Rs. 327.44 crore, he said.

Maintaining that the Bank's NPA (Non Performing Assets) has come down to 1.85 percent from 3.01 percent earlier, he said that the Bank's profits has touched Rs.4 crore, which is a significant achievement.

Asserting that Chamarajanagar district too is being given due importance, Harish Gowda said that the Centre has sanctioned Rs.75 crore under Atmanirbhar scheme, out of which Mysuru district has got Rs.40 crore and Chamarajanagar district Rs.35 crore. He further said that the loan repayment of medium term loans (Rs.30 crore) has been extended upto Mar.2022.

MyMUL President P.M. Prasanna explained about loans being extended for dairy farmers.

MCDC Bank CEO E.C. Janardhan, Director Manju Gowda and others were present at the press meet.

NEWS BRIEFS

Digital Lecture this evening

As part of JSS Mahavidyapeetha's 'Jnana Varidhi,' a weekly online (virtual) lecture series, Karnataka Lokayukta Justice P. Vishwanath Shetty will deliver a talk on 'Kanunu Arivu-Neravu' (Legal Awareness-Assistance) at 6 pm today (July 5). Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. The talk can be accessed through: YouTube: ***http://Youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline*** or Facebook: ***https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP*** or website: ***http://jssonline.org,*** according to a press release from JSS Mahavidyapeetha.

Kannada exams: Applications invited

Kannada Sahitya Parishat has invited applications from candidates intending to appear for Kannada Pravesha, Kava, Jana and Ratna examinations (2021-22) to be conducted by the Parishat in the last week of December 2021. Last date to submit applications is Aug. 31 and Sept. 15 is the last date with payment of Rs. 50 as late fee. Application and prospectus can be obtained by paying Rs. 25 at the sales outlet of Parishat (Bengaluru) or by logging on to ***www.kasapa.in***. For details, contact Ph: 080-26623584, according to a press release from Kannada Sahitya Parishat Hon. Secretary Dr. Padmaraj Dandavati.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	90.98 feet
Yesterday	:	91.42 feet
Inflow	:	1,563 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,636 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,276.00 feet
Inflow	:	1,241 cusecs
Outflow	:	700 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,842.22 feet
Inflow	:	387 cusecs
Outflow	:	80 cusecs

Bees scare away wild jumbos in Kodagu!

KVIC's RE-HAB project yields success

Gonikoppa, July 5 (SSV)- Project RE-HAB (Reducing Elephant - Human Attacks using Bees) aimed at thwarting elephant attacks in human habitations using honey bees, seems to have yielded success with jumbos taking alternative routes to avoid coming into contact with bees.

With a view to reduce human-elephant conflicts in the country, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has launched a unique project of creating "bee-fences" to address this burning issue in several States including Karnataka.

The pilot project has been launched at few locations in Kodagu. These spots on the periphery of Nagarahole National Park are known to be human-elephant conflict zones. Total cost of project is Rs. 15 lakh.

Reality check has revealed that the wild pachyderms were maintaining a safe distance from bee boxes. Locals say this has reduced the elephant menace by 70 percent. Bee boxes have been placed at Kutta including Choorikaad and Tithimathi ranges. Jumbos were not seen in these places in the last 25 days. Villagers opined that elephants may have found alternative route.

Camera trap of a wild elephant hesitating to cross bee boxes.

In fact, the jumbos had damaged bee boxes near Kodange Haadi near Nagarhole recently. Since then, they have not come back. There are instances of young elephants straying into these fences. The cameras have captured the hesitancy of jumbos crossing the fence fixed with bee boxes and also taking de-tour within 27 seconds.

KVIC has set up 15-20 interspersed bee boxes at selected locations. The bee boxes are set up in the passage ways of elephant-human conflict zones to block the entrance of elephants to human habitations. The boxes are connected with a string so that when elephants attempt to pass through, a tug or pull causes the bees to swarm the elephant herds and dissuade them from progressing further. Bee boxes have been placed on the ground as well as hung from the trees to block the passage way of elephants. High resolution, night vision cameras have been installed at strategic points to record the impact of bees on elephants and their behaviour in these zones. The collective buzz of the bees is annoying to elephants that force them to return. Elephants, which are the most intelligent animal and carry their memories for long, avoid returning to the place where they have encountered honey bees.

Nearly 500 people die every year due to elephant attacks in India. This is nearly 10 times more than the fatalities caused by big cats across the country. From 2015 to 2020, nearly 2,500 people have lost their lives in elephant attacks. Out of this, nearly 170 human fatalities have been reported in Karnataka alone. On the contrary, nearly one-fifth of this number, that is nearly 500 elephants have also died in retaliation by humans in the last 5 years.

In the past, Governments have spent crores of rupees on digging up trenches and erecting fences to dissuade elephants. Also, hundreds of crores of rupees have been spent on compensation for loss of human lives. These trenches and barbed wire fences have often caused the deaths of elephant calves and thus rendering these ideas largely impractical.

Rare half Albino Rat Snake rescued in city

Mysuru, July 5 (KS)- City snake rescuer Mohammed Umar Shariff has rescued a half Albino Rat Snake on the outskirts of city recently. Following a call from a frightened resident, near Vidya Vikas College, close to the Outer Ring Road, Umar rushed to the spot and saw the 7 ft. long snake coiled behind a box and rescued it. The snake was released into its natural habitat later.

Albinism is caused due to mutation in genes which fails to produce Melanin, the colour pigment needed for skin, scales and eyes, says Umar. Albino snakes have a very difficult situation living in wild due to their bright colour and are easily attracted by predators like birds, mangoose etc.

Half Albino is where the snake has only partial albinism characteristics in it and doesn't have full characteristics, like 'Reddish Eyes, complete white and pinkish body, very sensitive skin etc., claims Umar.

Unidentified bodies found

Mysuru, July 5 (KS)- In separate cases, Mysuru City Police have found bodies of three unidentified persons in Lashkar and Nazarbad Police limits.

In the first case, Lashkar Police found a body of an unidentified man, aged between 40 and 45 years, near St. Philomena's Church compound on June 30.

The fingers on his left leg had been eaten away due to gangrene. The body has been shifted to MMC&RI mortuary and a case has been registered.

In the second case, Nazarbad Police, who had found an unidentified man aged about 40 years lying sick near Teresian College, had shifted him to K.R. Hospital on May 30 where he breathed his last at the hospital on May 31.

In the third case, Nazarbad Police had found a body of an unidentified man aged between 55 and 60 years and have shifted him to MMC&RI mortuary.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Store Manager goes missing

Veerendra Kumar

Mysuru, July 5- A store Manager of a popular shopping Mall in the city has gone missing for over two months.

C.S. Veerendra Kumar, 32, who was working as Store manager at a Mall in Jayalakshmipuram, left the house for work on Apr. 22 and has not returned since then, according to a complaint lodged by his wife with Jayalakshmipuram Police.

Any one coming across any clues about the said person, may call Ph: 0821-2418316/2418339.

Bharachukki's breath-taking views

A view of Bharachukki Falls clicked by Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary staff on Saturday.

Chamarajanagar, July 5 (SS&BCT)- Tired of staying indoors for over two months? Need a break from the urban hustle-bustle? Want some quality time amid nature? You need not resist your wanderlust anymore as some of the favourite getaways from Mysuru have opened from today after a COVID-induced long gap.

These destinations include the famed Gaganachukki and Bharachukki Falls. Till now there were no visitors despite water flowing in full force but now the gates are open for breath-taking views and some photographic and selfie moments.

While Bharachukki Falls is located in Chamarajanagar District (Kollegal Taluk), Gaganachukki is in Mandya (Malavalli Taluk). Thanks to regular water release from the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam, the waterfalls swell to enormous proportions. Though the waterfalls are not in full glory now as the water release is limited, it is still a place to go and unwind. The waterfalls are open from 9 am to 5 pm.

The two branches (eastern and western branches — Gaganachukki and Bharachukki) flow through deep ravines on either side of the island before plunging into two different places a few kilometres apart to form the Gaganachukki and Bharachukki waterfalls. Gaganachukki and Bharachukki waterfalls are together known as the Shivanasamudra Falls.

Along with Gaganachukki and Bharachukki, one can also visit Maradi Gudda Tree Park in the middle of the town that has a temple right on top. The Tree Park will be open from 6 am to 6 pm. However, visiting these places must be with strict adherence to all COVID norms and there will be no place for any group activities, said DCF V. Yedukondalu of M.M. Hills Wildlife Division.

Carcasses of wild elephants found in Kodagu

Gonikoppa, July 5 (KS)- In separate incidents, carcasses of two elephants have been found in Kutta and Vaddaramadu in Kodagu.

The carcass of one elephant, aged about 12 years, was found in the coffee estate of Kakera Kalappa at Poochekal in Kutta in the early hours of yesterday. Though the reason for its death is not known, it is suspected that the elephant may have died in the night.

Thithimathi ACF Uthappa, Srimangala Wildlife RFO Veerendra and staff inspected the spot. Veterinarian Dr. Chandrashekar conducted post-mortem and the carcass was buried later.

In another incident, a baby elephant, aged about one year, was found dead due to tiger attack at Vaddaramadu in Nagarahole National Park yesterday.

The body of the baby elephant bore wound marks of tiger attack and it is suspected that the baby elephant may have died two days ago.

Nagarahole ACF Kambeyanda Gopal, RFO Amith, DRFO Yogesh and staff visited the spot and have taken further action.

Thanks to CM, ZAK Chief hands over Tab to city girl

Mysuru, July 5- Shaken by the plight of a school girl, who used to earn money by selling Greens on roadside to buy a Tablet, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has come to her rescue by presenting her a Tab so that she can attend online classes.

Keerthana, a SSLC student and daughter of Hanumanthu and Ningamma couple of Sathagalli in the city, had lost their livelihood due to lockdown. Hanumanthu worked as an electrician,while his wife Ningamma was a homemaker. As Hanumanthu had no work due to COVID induced lockdown, the family found it hard to eke out a living and Keerthana, who had no money to buy a tab, used to borrow one from her neighbour friends whenever she had online classes. Keerthana, in order to earn money to buy a tab of her own, set out along with her mother for selling greens and vegetables on a push cart. Keerthana, who has dreams of becoming a doctor, used to read whenever she could find time while selling greens on roadside.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, after coming to know of Keeerthana's plight through media, directed Mysuru-based ZAK Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy to deliver a tab and also give some pocket money to Keerthana. Accordingly, Mahadevaswamy, along with his friend Ajay Ashok, went to the residence of Keerthana at Sathagalli on Saturday and gifted a tab required for her studies along with some pocket money.

Keerthana and her parents have wholeheartedly thanked the CM for the help.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Memorial for a Hindu Monk

Jesus Christ had said that 'no prophet is honoured in his own country.' I am reminded of this maxim as a journalist and a witness to the ongoing protests concerning handing over of land to build 'Swami Vivekananda Smaraka' (Viveka Memorial) by a section of people since May 2013 when Siddharamaiah of the Congress became the Chief Minister.

Siddharamaiah supported the protesters, leading to the prevention of **physical** handing over of the land to Sri Ramakrishna (R.K.) Ashram.

Thus was halted the construction of 'Viveka Memorial' to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda whom the then Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh called as "One of India's greatest spiritual leaders" and a revered figure in India's history and culture.

This is one of the projects proposed by the then UPA Government which had set up the **National Committee for Commemoration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.** Its first meeting was held on 20th May 2010 with the Prime Minister presiding. Eleven years have passed and our city, visited by the great Hindu Monk who stayed at the Niranjan Mutt, was chosen for the honour of a Memorial. Sadly it is caught in the web of protests and Court cases with no sign of early resolution either way.

Osho Rajneesh was giving his regular discourse. That morning it was about enlightenment and meditation. It was in the early 1970s at his Koregaon Park Ashram, Pune. I was present. As I was ruminating over the present agitation by a section of the people and the Court cases, I also remembered this discourse by Osho. 'We should become seekers. Seekers of truth. In matters mundane and spiritual. Like a flowing stream seeking to join a river, the river seeking to join the ocean and become the ocean...'

This made me think of a bigger picture of my life and of the society I live in. I am a mere stream and I have forgotten the possibility of becoming an ocean. I have also forgotten about the river, the one that will carry me to the ocean...

I was meditating on what Osho had said in that morning discourse. Wondered, if the stream could be the people, the river the R.K. Ashram and the ocean the Viveka Memorial! What if the stream in its ego refuses to join the river and remains as a pool? It misses the opportunity of becoming the ocean! Well, as a pool it may stagnate, become a cesspool of contaminated or poisonous water endangering the aquatic life. Meditate again. What happens if it casts away the ego, abjures its wrongly assumed role as saviour of the society and merges with the river? Soon it is bound to become an ocean. Alleluia!

Osho, in one context, used the term **enlightened self-interest.** It is only when individuals display qualities of enlightened self-interest these individuals can be a light unto the self and the positive growth of the society. Self-interest and ego are survival instincts. But these should not dominate our life to overwhelm the good of the society of which we are a part...

Be that as it may, let us remember that the idea of 'Viveka Memorial' was based on the UPA Government's decision. The then BJP Government in the State headed by Jagadish Shettar transferred the NTM School building and land abutting to R.K. Ashram's property Niranjan Mutt on Jan. 9, 2013. The reason was that the Niranjan Mutt is in a very small area for constructing the 'Viveka Memorial'. At that time the NTM School was almost defunct with the building in a dilapidated condition.

It is ironic that the incumbent BJP Chief Minister, B.S. Yediyurappa, instead of undoing the injustice done by the Congress Government, perpetuated the same policy by sending a memo to the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner directing NOT to handover the NTM School to R.K. Ashram. What kind of governance this? God only knows.

BJP Central Government should intervene directly in this matter and direct its Chief Minister not to interfere and make a mockery of its own Government's decision. According to reports, the case before the Divisional Bench in the High Court had gone against the protesters. However, I learn, there is still another case pending in the High Court. So wait for another judgement day.

In the midst of all this, on June 30, a conciliatory meeting was held at Suttur Mutt in the august presence of the revered Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji attended by the contending parties and the BJP Vice-President B.Y. Vijayendra.

Of course, they met, discussed and agreed to meet another day that is not specified. Knowing Suttur Mutt's hospitality, after a sumptuous tea and snacks.

I have been observing our local politicians for over 45 years now as a journalist and their opinions concerning our city's development. V. Sreenivasa Prasad, MP, now BJP, has always been socially and politically enlightened. I saw the press statement he had issued after that failed conciliatory meeting at the Suttur Mutt. To jest, it was like the failed round-table conference attended by no less a person than Mahatma Gandhi. Let it be.

An experienced senior politician, he had rightly recalled a meeting between the representatives of the R.K. Ashram and the NTM School presided over by the then Chief Minister Siddharamaiah. Sreenivasa Prasad, who was the Revenue Minister then, was also present. Since the case regarding the issue was in the Court, the meeting decided to allow the Court to decide. Yes, the issue became *sub judice*. Eight years passed...

Now the Court has decided in favour of the Ashram, but one more case is pending and again the waiting period has started for the judgement of this case.

Sreenivasa Prasad has advised the parties concerned to honour the decision of the Court considering it as their duty.

He has also opined that this is a socially beneficial project, specially to our youths, if it materialises. But, is it not his Government's duty to ensure the project materialises? Only a Government opposed to this project or the one which is weak will make the project fail.

I am also of the opinion that it will do greatest good to the greatest number of our youths. May the spirit of Swami Vivekananda prevail and the project bloom.

Tailpiece: Among the five good Roman Emperors, Marcus Aurelius was considered one and best known as the author of the Philosophical work "Meditations."

He has many quotable quotes in his writings and one of them from the "Meditations" I would like to quote here for the benefit of the warriors of 'Viveka Memorial':

"Begin each day by telling yourself: Today I shall be meeting with interference, ingratitude, insolence, disloyalty, ill-will and selfishness — all of them due to the offenders' ignorance of what is good or evil."

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CITY UNLOCKED

A Traffic Police manually operating the signal at Columbia Asia Hospital junction today following heavy traffic.

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Interestingly, women shrugged off the lockdown blues and thousands of them crowded the saree and garment shops. At one saree shop in the heart of the city, there were more than 3,000 women at various counters and a large number of them were waiting outside to get in.

As thousands of people and vehicles descended on the streets, several areas in the Central Business District witnessed traffic gridlocks and slow-moving traffic for hours. The Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway saw a high density of travellers with vehicles lining up till Srirangapatna.

Free movement as no barricades

On their part, the Police had removed all the barricades within the city and outskirts allowing free movement. Places of tourist interest in Mysuru like Mysore Palace, Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens opened. While the Palace, which was closed since April 24, was open from 10 am, the Zoo opened its doors at 8.30 am.

Except for theatres, cinema halls, swimming pools, markets and stadia, almost all venues opened up.

Market vendors protest

However, the closure of markets while all the other businesses were allowed to open irked vendors at Devaraja Market who resorted to a flash protest. They later withdrew the same and submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner citing loss of livelihood.

A Palace staff in PPE suit screening a young tourist with thermal scanner this morning.

Temples welcomed devotees as early as 6 am and starting with the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill, all the prominent temples including Tripurasundari Jwalamukhi Temple, Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple at Nanjangud, Ganapathi and Trinayaneshwara Swamy Temple inside Palace premises, Bandanthamma Temple at Kuvempunagar, Sri Lakshmivenkataramana Swamy Temple at Vontikoppal, Amrutheshwara Swamy Temple and Panchamukhi Anjaneyaswamy Temple on Irwin Road reported rush of devotees. Only darshans were allowed and no special pujas were performed.

Palace and Zoo

At the Palace, entry tickets were purchased from the counters at the entrance gates. Visitors were directed to maintain social distancing at the counters by standing in the square shaped boxes. Masks are compulsory and the entire tourist flow is monitored by CCTV cameras.

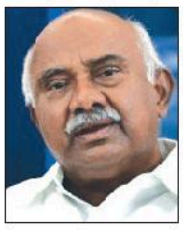
Separate routes were earmarked on the Palace premises for entry and exit and arrangements were made for thermal scanning of tourists at the entrance. Sanitisers were made available to visitors at many points and before their entry and exit. Mysuru Zoo and Karanji Lake were also opened. Here too, there are strict measures so that all visitors adhere to COVID-appropriate behaviour.

Clogged roads

Apart from rush and series of traffic jams within the city on all roads like Sayyaji Rao Road, JLB Road, Ashoka Road, D. Devaraja Urs Road, K.R. Circle, Dhanvantri Road, bumper-to-bumper traffic was witnessed on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway. There was huge vehicle density on both sides of the road till Srirangapatna with bottlenecks witnessed at Columbia Asia Hospital Junction and Siddalingapura.

At many stretches, the Traffic Policemen were struggling to operate the traffic signals with vehicles coming from all directions. Likewise, the Hunsur Road, H.D. Kote Road, Nanjangud Road, T. Narasipur Road, Bannur Road also witnessed heavy traffic in the morning.

MLC asks Government to cancel SSLC exam



A.H. Vishwanath

Mysuru, July 5 (PM&DM)- As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to rage across the globe, BJP MLC A.H. Vishwanath has urged the Government to cancel SSLC exam in the State considering the safety and well-being of children.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, Vishwanath said that the Government must not hold SSLC exam for any reason under the present circumstances. The Government has to take responsibility for any unsavoury happenings that may take place if it went ahead with the conduct of exam, he said.

Maintaining that the deadly pandemic is still very much existent, the MLC said that even the Health Minister has warned of a Delta virus attack if COVID appropriate behaviour is not followed by the people. He wondered why Primary and Secondary education Minister S. Suresh Kumar is unable to understand the possible consequences of holding the exam during COVID crisis.

Continuing, Vishwanath said that the Union Government has cancelled the 12th standard CBSE exam and several States too have cancelled the tenth standard board exam. Wondering why the Government is hell bent on conducting SSLC exam when it has cancelled the PU exam, he termed the Education Minster's decision to go ahead with SSLC exam for younger children as unscientific and illogical. Charging Suresh Kumar of taking a unilateral decision, he said that the Minister was playing with the lives of 8.5 lakh SSLC students.

Pointing out that the Education Department should be a model to other departments, Vishwanath said that the syllabus has not been covered due to COVID crisis. Noting that children are not vaccinated, he wondered what was the necessity for the conduct of the exam when the State was reeling under the second wave of COVID attack.

Noting that the Education Department has said that the SSLC exam would be of a different type this time, Vishwanath said that this would be an impediment for rural students.

Highlighting the difficulties of rural students in attending online classes for which a computer is required, the MLC observed that many rural students cannot afford one due to financial constraints and this had hindered their learning. He also wanted to know whether the Government was placing hurdles in the learning of students from Dalit, minorities, oppressed and other marginalised communities by going ahead with the conduct of exam which he said was on unequal terms, with urban students having a clear advantage over their rural counterparts in online learning.

Automated Vehicle Inspection Centre

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The Vehicle Fitness Centre and other allied works for RTO (East) was undertaken at a cost of Rs. 7.5 crore with an additional Rs. 5.52 crore sanctioned for installation of various equipment at the Fitness Centre. An amount of Rs. 2.76 crore was also sanctioned for additional works at the Vehicle Fitness Centre and the works were taken up by the Civil Engineering Division of KSRTC.

Earlier, Motor Vehicle Inspectors used to inspect the vehicles manually and now, following the completion of the works, inspection of old vehicles to test its road worthiness will now be simple and hassle-free.

The Vehicle Inspection and Certification Centre is automated and consists of vehicle testing lane, comprising roller brake tester, side slip tester, suspension tester, emission tester, diesel smoke tester, headlight beam tester, free roller set, sound level tester and visual inspection above and under the vehicle.

Sources said that the automated inspection procedure would be more efficient and accurate when compared to manual inspection. It will take an average time of 20 minutes to inspect a vehicle and Fitness Certificate would be issued immediately as new automated centre will give authenticated fitness for the condition of the vehicle

There are separate tracks for Light Motor Vehicle (LMV) and Heavy Motor vehicle (HMV) and three vehicles can be inspected at a time, sources added.

Traders relieved seeing customer flow

Mysuru, July 5 (RK&BCT)- By noon today, over 90 percent of shops in the Central Business District and also in the residential extensions were brimming with customers. Traders said that there was a great demand for textile products, electrical goods and other essentials. Automobile showrooms, including two-wheelers, four-wheelers and autorickshaws too saw a steady stream of visitors.

"Looks like customers were waiting for this day. They were unable to shop for two months except for essentials. All these days we were under losses and we opened yesterday to clean and dust. The business is good and we hope to do more business in the coming days as the uncertainty will end," Rajendra, who owns a cloth store on Devaraj Urs Road, said.

Jewellery merchants were happy to see customers again, especially after missing out on most of the wedding season and other auspicious occasions. "Normally people buy gold and silver jewellery during the wedding season and we missed out heavily. We expect business to pick up in the upcoming weeks and also there is the next festive season," said a jewellery showroom owner. Hotel and hospitality sector too opened on a full scale but with restrictions. People who were denied an opportunity for dine-in have now been allowed to eat on the table. Many hotels reported heavy footfalls as people preferred to eat their favourite meal that is served hot instead of eating parcelled cold food.

All the manufacturing units and Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) too opened from today with 100 percent workforce. Even the garments industry has been allowed to function with full capacity.

But industries are expecting resumption of normal operations in the coming days as a lot depends on supply and demand of raw materials. Generally, raw materials come to Mysuru from other States and there might be a delay in transit, said industrialists.

Vaastu Feng Shui & Bio-Energetics

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Property assessment

Feng Shui considers the home as a holistic environment whereas real estate appraiser views a home or property in monetary terms and changes are made to improve its market value. Feng Shui searches for ways to enhance the flow of Chi and release energy blockages that may manifest in corresponding life areas. Though seemingly very different disciplines, Feng Shui can help maintain the optimum value of real estate holding or even increase its worth.

What really constitutes value in your property? Could it be the flow of Chi? A home with an abundance of positive flowing Chi attracts people and potential buyers like a magnet. This vitality is what constitutes the greatest value in real estate. Viewing homes through the eyes of both a real estate appraiser and a Feng Shui Practitioner, I have consistently seen a relationship between value and good Feng Shui. Homes that have good Chi are homes that often command the highest price in the neighbourhood. Those with a certain stagnant, blocked energy are the homes that sit on the market the longest, often selling for less than the asking price.

One could follow certain basic guidelines for Feng Shui and value: **1.** Explore the neighbourhood and see if the property is having a harmonious design and it should have a sense of beauty with its surroundings. Check for high-tension wires, environmental pollution, sewage drains, etc.

2. First impression is usually determined by the front door, it could either welcome you or drive you away. Remember all opportunities enter through the main door and the door should

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exude a feeling of pride.

3. How does the house feel or smell? Is the space light and airy or dark and heavy?

4. Is your house located at a cul-de-sac? This would block the flow of Chi and has no outlet.

5. Look for T-junctions cross road locations.

6. A house with a detached garage is considered best as it enables Chi to circulate freely and swirl around the house.

7. Look out for bathrooms and kitchens in the centre of the house, which is considered inauspicious.

One could enhance the Feng Shui for better value or harmony by following certain simple guidelines. In case you have a home or still feel like buying a building even if it is violating certain basic guidelines mentioned above, one could adapt and bring about changes through Feng Shui although it may not be a total solution offering perfect harmony and balance. Nevertheless such homes do show a remarkable change when corrected through Feng Shui.

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COVID-19: 1,000 underprivileged receive jabs at Malabar's free vaccination drive

Bengaluru, July 5- Intensifying its fight against COVID-19 pandemic, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, the leading jewellery retailer with a strong global retail network of over 260 outlets spread across 10 countries, had organised a free vaccination drive wherein 1,000 vaccine doses were administered to underprivileged populations and BPL card holders on July 1 at Forum Mall in Koramangala here.

While 500 vaccines were administered to underprivileged populations and BPL card-holders associated with Thanal NGO and Narayana Hrudalaya Hospital executed the vaccination drive, another 500 vaccines were administered to goldsmith workers affiliated to the Karnataka Bengali Swarna Shilpi Association and Shri Vishwakarma Seva Samithi.

"Immunisation against the pandemic is key to curb its spread as the country anticipates the emergence of the third wave of COVID-19. This vaccination drive is a reaffirmation of our resolve to strengthen the nationwide vaccination initiatives. We shall continue to use our resources, infrastructure and network to broaden our outreach towards low-income and vulnerable populations and bring them within the ambit of vaccination," said M.P. Ahammed, Chairman, Malabar Group.

College students and staff vaccinated

Mysuru, July 5- A Free Vaccination Drive was organised at Basudev Somani College by the College's NSS Unit and Red Cross Unit, in association with the District Health and Family Welfare Office, Mysuru, on July 2.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. M. Puttaswamy, Secretary & Managing Trustee and Dr. S.S. Raje Urs, Principal of the College. District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. Mahadeva Prasad, DHE Munendramma, Bhuvaneshwari, Sowmyashree, S. Lavanya, Kempegowda, College Superintendent Dr. M.P. Basavaraju, NSS Officer Dr. T. Ramesh, Dr. M. Mahadevaswamy and other staff members were present. Nearly 300 students were benefited from this programme.

Free Vaccination Drive being held at Basudev Somani College on July 2.

Free Vaccination Drive being held at VVCE on July 2.

At VVCE

As per the directions from the State Government, NSS and Red Cross Youth Wing of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), in association with Indian Red Cross Society, had organised 'Mega Vaccination Drive' on July 2.

The staff and students actively participated. The event was inaugurated by Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS) President Gundappa Gowda, Secretary Er. P. Vishwanath, Treasurer Sreeshylaramannavar and VVCE Principal Dr. B. Sadashivegowda.

In all, 900 students of the College got benefited with this mega vaccination drive.

NSS and Red Cross Youth Wing Coordinator Dr. K. Gopala Reddy and all faculty members of NSS and Red Cross Youth Wing were present.

Free Vaccination Drive at ATMECE on June 30.

At ATMECE

A free vaccination drive against COVID-19 was organised for students and staff at ATME College of Engineering (ATMECE), Mysuru, in association with Primary Health Centre (PHC), Mellahalli, on June 30.

The vaccination drive was inaugurated by K. Shivashankar, Secretary, ATMECE. Dr. L. Basavaraj, Principal, ATMECE, Dr. Anilkumar of PHC, Mellahalli, Dr. Asha, THO, Mysuru and Deans & HoDs of various Department were present during the occasion.

Shivashankar thanked the District Administration and Health Dept. for honouring the request to conduct free vaccination drive at the College and advised all students and staff members to make use of the opportunity.

Dr. Basavaraj mentioned that it has been made compulsory for all students and staff to get vaccinated in order to attend offline classes.

A total of 260 students and 65 staff members were vaccinated during the drive which was coordinated by the ATME-COVID-19 response team, in association with NSS Unit, ATME.

Yogeeshwar, Yatnal use Dasara analogy to attack Yediyurappa

- **'CM is like Howdah Elephant; its calf cannot carry the Ambari'**
- **'*Dushta Samhara* of all corrupt and evil forces must happen'**

Mysuru, July 5 (MK,RKB& BCT)- The heritage city of Mysuru that is famous for Dasara and Navarathri celebrations became a host for anti-Yediyurappa statements by two of his own party men, who are known for their no-holds-barred attacks, using the Dasara analogy. Both demanded a leadership change and questioned the authority and 'needless interference' of CM's son B.Y. Vijayendra in State affairs.

First it was Minister for Tourism, Environment and Ecology C.P. Yogeeshwar, who used the names of Dasara Howdah Elephants Arjuna, Abhimanyu and Balarama to take a dig at Chief Minister B.S. Yediyrappa's dynasty politics, second it was Vijayapura MLA Basanagouda Patil Yathnal who used Goddess Chamundeshwari's name and said, like the Goddess destroyed the demonic forces, the 'plunderers' of State exchequer must also be destroyed — 'Dushta Samhara' (destruction of evil).

Last evening, calling on Chamarajanagar MP and senior BJP leader V. Sreenivasa Prasad at his residence in Mysuru, Yogeeshwar said that people of Karnataka respect the Golden Howdah which carries Goddess Chamundeshwari during Dasara.

"The responsibility of the CM is like a Howdah elephant. The CM should be a capable person, possessing sensibilities and high ideals to meet the aspirations of the people. As in the case of the Howdah elephant, carrying the Ambari is not just the weight aspect that is important. It is also important that it effortlessly reaches the destination," he said.

"Dasara elephants have often been replaced. Tuskers Arjuna, Abhimanyu and Balarama have all carried the Golden Howdah. "Just because the lead elephant carries the Golden Howdah, we can't have its calf do the same," he said, taunting Yediyurappa's son Vijayendra.

Reiterating that he would not speak about Vijayendra as he does not hold a Constitutional post in the Government, he said, "Karnataka was well-known for elephants and tigers and there would be no difficulty in finding a capable elephant to carry the Howdah. By the time Dasara comes, the party High Command will find a capable elephant to carry the Howdah," he said.

On his comments against the CM who has made him a Minister, Yogeeshwar clarified that he was not against Yediyurappa. "I should not be projected as a person against Yediyurappa. He has made me a Minister. I have taken pains to make Yediyurappa the Chief Minister. But my contributions are ignored," he said without hiding his displeasure.

Tourism Minister C.P. Yogeeshwar, who called on Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad at his residence in Mysuru last evening, greeting the senior BJP leader with a bouquet as another BJP leader C. Basavegowda looks on.

"It is sad that Opposition leaders were taking advantage of Yediyurappa and are calling the shots in the administration," he said referring to the delimitation and reservation of Zilla Panchayat and Taluk Panchayat electoral constituencies and hinting at the delimitation exercise was carried out at the behest of former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy's wishes.

Let CBI, ED raid guest house near CM's official residence: Yatnal

Mysuru, July 5- On his visit to Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill after the unlocking this morning, Vijayapura MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal said that like Goddess Chamundeshwari destroyed demons, she should also destroy whoever is looting the State Treasuries.

Yatnal, who was the first political leader to visit the Temple this morning to have a *darshan* of the Goddess, told reporters that he had prayed to the Goddess for 'Dushta Samhara.' Known for his acerbic tongue, Yatnal, CM Yediuyrappa's bitter critic, said: "The people in the Government are looting the State exchequer and the per day loot runs up to more than Rs. 100 crore. All of them are evil forces and they must be destroyed," he said.

"Some good people have joined hands with evil forces and that is why the leadership change issue has been kept pending. Like in Mahabharata, Bheeshma and Dronacharya had joined Kauravas. There is an end to everything and the evil in the State is reaching its end-game as the BJP High Command is examining the leadership change issue," he said.

Training his guns on Vijayendra, Yatnal said, "Let the CBI and Enforcement Directorate also raid the guest house near the CM's official residence 'Cauvery' in Bengaluru. It is here that Vijayendra indulges in various deals. Why are they not raiding the place? And why no one is questioning the deals? Sadly, the Opposition is dead as most of the leaders are hand-in-glove in the loot," he added.

Yatnal did not spare certain Mutts for their support to Yediyurappa. Mincing no words, he said, "Certain Mutt Swamijis are supporting the CM in expectation of money. Swamijis must bring their followers to the right track. Warnings of protests if the CM is replaced is ridiculous and unbecoming of Mutt Seers. If they are so interested in politics, let them shun *Kaavi* (religious clothes) and adorn *Khadi* (political dress material)," he said.

Vijayapura MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal addressing press persons in front of Sri Chamundeshwari Hill Temple this morning.

Twin sisters commit suicide

Srirangapatna, July 5 (Vinay Karekura&KS)- Not wanting to get separated after marriage as their parents had decided to get them married to two different families, twin sisters have committed suicide by hanging themselves at Hunasanahalli village in the taluk on Friday evening.

The deceased sisters are Deepika and Divya (19), daughters of Suresh and Yashodha couple.

It is learnt that Deepika and Divya were very close to each other and now, their parents were said to be preparing to get them married to different families.

Deepika and Divya

Fearing that they would get separated, the sisters are said to have taken the extreme step. No case has been registered.

Labourer found dead inside truck cabin

Mysuru, July 5 (RK&KS)- Mystery shrouds over the death of a labourer, whose body was found in a hanging position inside a parked truck cabin at Rajivnagar on July 2. The deceased has been identified as Nagaraj (40), a resident of Hebbadi village in Srirangapatna taluk.

Nagaraj, along with other labourers, had gone in a truck carrying goods to Hyderabad and returned on July 1. As it was late in the night, Nagaraj, after obtaining permission from the owner, had slept inside the cabin of the truck. But the next day morning, when other labourers opened the door of the truck cabin, they found Nagaraj's dead body in a hanging position, it is learnt. Udayagiri Police are investigating.

Orphan Pension handed over to children of COVID dead parents

Mysuru, July 5 (KS) - The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office, Mysuru, has handed over Orphan Pension to two children, whose parents died of COVID recently.

Following the directions from ACC (HQ) Bengaluru, EPFO Regional Office Mysuru co-ordinated with the District Administration and obtained the details of children who lost both the parents and later co-ordinated with the guardian of the children and the employer of the establishment to help them file the claims.

The Orphan Pensions were handed over to the children on June 30 and the children will now receive Rs. 2,176/- each per month, according to the press release.

Obituary

M.N. Mohan

Mysuru, July 5- M.N. Mohan (55), Assistant Registrar of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) and a resident of Srirampura, passed away this morning at his residence following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Triveni, son Suyog and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Jayanagar Burial Grounds this afternoon.

Ravi Guddappa

Ravi Guddappa (38), Priest of Sri Manteswamy Temple on Chamaraja Double Road, passed away on Saturday in city. He leaves behind his wife, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held yesterday morning.

Ravi Guddappa had played the role of Mysuru Maharaja in Rajanikanth starrer Tamil movie 'Linga.'

Srinivas

Hunsur: Srinivas (53), a Head Constable attached to Hunsur Police Station, collapsed while on duty and breathed his last at a private hospital in Mysuru.

A native of Pandavapura in Mandya, Srinivas leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Pandavapura.

M.D. Girigowda

K.R. Pet: M.D. Girigowda (95), a senior leader of Maduvinakodi in the taluk, passed away yesterday in the village.

He leaves behind four daughters including former Taluk Panchayat Member M.G. Rathnamma Gangadhar, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the village yesterday.

WORD OF THE DAY

Panglossian

Pronunciation: pan-glos-ee-uhn, -glaw-see-, pang-.

Meaning: Characterised by or given to extreme optimism, especially in the face of unrelieved hardship or adversity.

Origin: Panglossian, "extremely optimistic, especially in the face of unrelieved hardship or adversity," comes from Dr. Pangloss (Panglosse in French), an old, incurably optimistic tutor in Voltaire's philosophical satire Candide. Pangloss comes from Greek panglossía "garrulousness, wordiness," which also may suggest a certain amount of glibness. Candide, the name of the eponymous hero, comes from Latin candidus "bright, shining, pure, clean, good-natured, innocent," perhaps also a comment on the hero's naiveté. Panglossian entered English in the first half of the 19th century.

Example: Kraft sets to work making a case for Panglossian optimism while his marriage crumbles and his money problems worsen. —Rob Doyle, "For Ideologues In Silicon Valley, Everything Is Just Right," New York Times, November 10, 2020.

THE ODD WORD

Palfrey

Riding horse, especially one for a lady.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Bend over backwards

Meaning: To work very hard to accomplish something.

Origin: Unless you are extremely flexible, actually bending over backwards is quite a feat. It's not at all surprising that the origin of the idiom "bend over backwards" is in gymnastics. The term was used as early as 920 CE to compare the athletic act of back bending with an expenditure of effort to ensure that something went as planned.

Example: "We bent over backwards to help him, & he never ever thanked us."

QUOTE BOX

Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly. **—John F. Kennedy**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Humpback whale.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Gun discharge
5 Caste of people from north western India
8 IIM grads.
12 Luv's twin brother
13 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
14 English composer
15 Opposites
17 Charge or tariff
18 An Ethiopian prince
19 A high-pitched giggle
21 Appraise, estimate or evaluate
24 Refuse to grant
25 River in Hades
26 Misshapen
30 "Nay" no just the opposite!
31 Started
32 ____ teaser : the roadside Romeo?
33 Base of column or a statue
35 A naive person
36 Green parrots from New Zealand
37 Foolishness
38 Chinese province - "shines" anagram?
41 Direct a gun
42 Legendary woman seduced by swan
43 Breed of retriever
48 Is not, in contracted form
49 A bird resembling an ostrich
50 Spray-on paint for motor vehicles
51 Egyptian deity
52 Dept. of Transportation
53 The badger's home is called this

DOWN

1 Jamaican popular music
2 Attila or his follower
3 The German for 'east'
4 Insect body area
5 Delights
6 Prepare for war
7 Stylish; refined
8 He fights and possible dies for his country?
9 Unruly child
10 Before as a prefix
11 Portent master
16 Contrary vote
20 Privy to (2,2)
21 As soon as possible, acronym
22 Eyelid inflammation
23 Former wicket-keeper __ Kirmani
24 Noted Impressionist
26 Itemised
27 Repast
28 Wickedness
29 Resist openly; refuse to obey orders
31 Bombay Suburban Electric Supply, in short?
34 India and Mumbai's ___ Solkar
35 Wanderers
37 Christmas tree
38 Let ___ : reveal by accident?
39 Archaic bidding
40 Author Ferber
41 Border on
44 Introduction to Latin
45 Give it to the devil - it is his!
46 Sep sequel
47 Decay or decompose

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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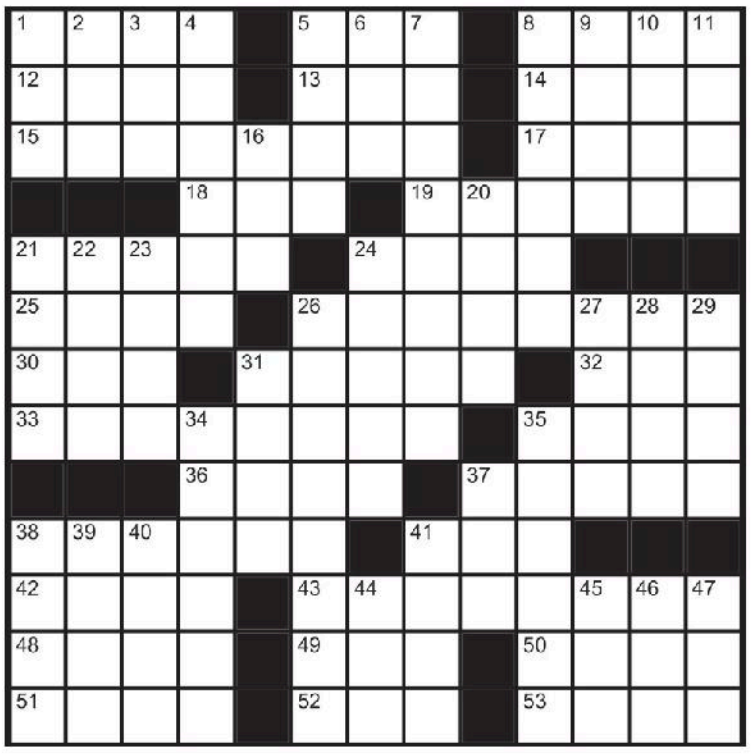

SUDOKU

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5	8	9			2			6
7	6			8	9		3	

Answer to previous puzzle

5	8	2	7	9	3	4	6	1
4	6	7	2	5	1	9	8	3
9	3	1	4	6	8	7	2	5
3	7	4	1	2	6	8	5	9
6	5	8	3	4	9	1	7	2
1	2	9	5	8	7	6	3	4
8	4	6	9	3	2	5	1	7
7	9	3	6	1	5	2	4	8
2	1	5	8	7	4	3	9	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XV UJJ VXOET XV NUWHMXL, NUWHMXL ML JXKD MT

GDOFUGT HFD EXTH VUHUJ HX HOWD FUGGMLDTT.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Life is like an ever-shifting kaleidoscope - a slight change, and all patterns alter.

24 Indian Para-Athletes selected for Tokyo Paralympics

Javelin thrower Devendra Jhajharia

High jumper Mariyappan Thangavelu

New Delhi, July 5- The Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) on Saturday announced a 24-member athletics team, headlined by star javelin thrower Devendra Jhajharia and high jumper Mariyappan Thangavelu, for the Tokyo Paralympics, beginning August 24.

Besides Jhajharia and Thangavelu, who won gold in the F46 javelin and T-42 high jump events respectively in the 2016 Rio Paralympics, other top para-athletes include world record holders Sandeep Chowdhury and Sumeet. The PCI's selection committee picked the team after a two-day trial at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on June 29 and 30.

The selection meeting was chaired by PCI Chief Deepa Malik. India has been granted 24 slots, including four women athletes, by the World Para Athletics.

The committee also picked men's F-57 javelin thrower Ranjeet Bhati, who was not in the long list of athletes for accreditation as his ranking was low before the trial.

"However, he significantly improved his performance in Final Selection Trial and is ranked 5th as per the MES Ranking as on 01.07.2021," the PCI said.

"His selection is subjected to issuance of the accreditation for the upcoming Tokyo Paralympics 2020."

The committee also named Sandip Sanjay Sargar (javelin F-64) as reserve athlete.

THE TEAM

Men: Devendra Jhajharia, Ajeet Singh and Sundar Singh Gurjar (all javelin F-46), Sandeep Chaudhary and Sumit (both javelin F-64), Mariyappan Thangavelu, Sharad Kumar and Varun Singh Bhatti (all high jump T-63), Amit Kumar and Dharambir (both club throw F-51), Nishad Kumar and Ram Pal (both high jump T-47), Sonam Rana (shot put F-57), Navdeep (javelin F-41), Praveen Kumar (high jump T-64), Yogesh Kathuniya (discus throw F-56), Vinod Kumar (discus throw F-56), Ranjeet Bhati (javelin F-57), Arvind (shot put F-35), Tek Chand (javelin F-54).

Women: Ekta Bhyan and Kashish Lakra (both club throw F-51), Bhagyashri Jadhav (shot put F-34), Simran (100m T-13).

Reserve: Sandi Sanjay Sagar (men's javelin F-64).

Tokyo Games (July 23 to Aug. 8)

Sports Ministry asks IOA to take athletes' responsibility

New Delhi, July 5- The Ministry for Youth Affairs and Sports has written to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) asking the body to take responsibility of the athletes if they belong to a National Sports Federation (NSF) which is not recognised by the Government or it has lost its annual recognition.

In the letter written by the Ministry, it is clearly clarified that only recognised NSFs are eligible for financial and other support from the Government. Hence, the Ministry has urged IOA to do the needful so that no athlete suffers.

"Keeping in view the interest of the sports and the sportspersons to ensure that the sportspersons are given timely, adequate and fair opportunities of participation in international events, it has been decided that following arrangement will be followed in respect of Olympic / Asian / Commonwealth sports disciplines, where the recognition of the concerned NSF is withdrawn or the annual recognition is not renewed, or the NSF is under suspension," states the letter.

"IOA may take the responsibility for the selection of athletes, the conduct of coaching camps for participation in international competitions and submission of entries of Indian teams and sportspersons to the concerned international federation, while observing the requisite yardsticks and by way of arrangement/mechanism appropriate for the particular sports discipline," it added.

Further in its letter, the Ministry said: "IOA would bring out the proposals of ACTC pertaining to mandatory competitions and national coaching camps in consultation with Sports Authority of India (SAI), which will be approved by the Ministry. SAI will provide all necessary technical support and financial assistance as per approved norms under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs."

"The above arrangement will cease to be in effect as and when the concerned NSF gets the Government recognition," it added.

Women's International Cricket

India's Mithali Raj becomes leading run scorer across formats

London, July 5- India captain Mithali Raj became the highest run-getter in women's cricket across formats, overtaking former England skipper Charlotte Edwards on Saturday.

Mithali achieved the feat during the third and final inconsequential ODI against hosts England while chasing 220 for a consolation win. The talismanic India batter got to the milestone with a boundary down the ground off Nat Schiver in the 23rd over.

Mithali now became the world's most prolific batter in women's internationals, overtaking Edwards' 10,273 runs. Mithali scored an unbeaten half-century, 75 not out, to hand Indian women's team their first win on their ongoing tour of England.

Mithali's knock helped India to chase down the 220-run target with four wickets in hand in a rain-affected encounter. The match was reduced to a 47-over contest due to rain.

After the win, Mithali said that she wanted to stay out in the middle and win the match for the team.

"I never gave up in the middle. It's being in the middle, because you can't win the match sitting out in the dugout. I wanted to win the game for the team," Mithali said at the post-match presentation ceremony.

Mithali was full of praise for young all-rounder Sneh Rahan who played a cameo to put India on the brink towards the back end of their chase.

Govt. clears P.V. Sindhu's request for advanced recovery system

New Delhi, July 5- Acting on world champion P.V. Sindhu's request, the Government on Friday sanctioned the purchase of an advanced recovery equipment, which will help her remain in best physical shape ahead of the upcoming Tokyo Olympics. Approval came within 24 hours of the 2016 Olympic silver-medallist Indian shuttler's request, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) said.

One of India's biggest medal hopes in Tokyo, Sindhu was thrilled. "I am happy that it did not take even a day for the Sports Authority of India to approve my request for the recovery system," Sindhu said upon receiving the administrative sanction to procure the game ready recovery system.

"The clearance was really quick, and I will be able to place an order and procure it in time to take it with me to the Olympic Games," she added.

The system circulates ice water and delivers intermittent compression through specific wraps for an athlete's legs, arms, back and shoulders.

SAI did not specify the cost of the equipment. It helps reduce an athlete's pain, spasm and swelling by cooling the affected areas. The compression stimulates the flow of oxygenated blood.

"It will help me immensely after each long training session or match as it is a portable cold and compression recovery system," Sindhu said of the system that is rated better than conventional Rest-Ice-Compression-Elevation methods of recovery. "Sometimes one gets exhausted and experience stiffness after matches. This will help in a quick and systematic recovery."

Sindhu claimed a historic silver medal in the 2016 Rio Olympics after losing to Carolina Marin in the final.

SSLC exams will be conducted as per schedule, says Education Minister Suresh Kumar

Suresh Kumar

Mysuru, July 5 (MTY&KS)- SSLC exams will go on as per schedule on July 19 and 22 and 8.76 lakh students in the State will write the exams, said Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar.

Speaking with media persons after the Kabini Water Consultation meeting at ZP Hall this morning, the Minister said that the State Government has released a set of SOPs for the safe conduct of exams keeping in view the safety of students' health. All the SOPs will have to be strictly followed by all the examination centres. If any student displays COVID-19 symptoms, then they will be allowed to write the exam in a separate room. If a COVID-19 infected student wishes to take the exam, then he or she will be allowed to appear for the examination at the nearby COVID Care Centre, he said.

A meeting with all DCs and ZP CEOs has been held in this regard. "I have spoken to many District Ministers and MLAs and have sought their co-operation for conducting the exams successfully. They have assured of full co-operation," the Minister said.

Two sets of Model Question Papers and OMR sheets will be provided to the students by their concerned school teachers, who will also guide them on how to write the exams, the Minister said and added "Tomorrow or day after, I will hold a meeting with all DDPIs and BEOs. Before the students take up the exams, I will interact with them and answer their questions and also clarify their doubts about the exams."

"It is not a prestige issue to the State Government or the Department to conduct SSLC exams. Conducting exams is not a punishment to the students, but it is being held as it would help the students to choose the subjects of their like to shape their career in future," Suresh Kumar said.

Obituary

N. Prabhakar

Mysuru, July 5- N. Prabhakar (78), retired Executive Engineer and a resident of Roopanagar, Bogadi, passed away this morning due to prolonged illness.

He leaves behind his wife J. Padma and three sons — P. Nagaraj, P. Mahaveer and P. Abhinay. Last rites will be performed tomorrow (July 6) at 10.30 am.

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The **Mada Ceremony** has been arranged at **'Simply Kodavas'** Hotel in Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mysuru on **Wednesday 7th July 2021 at 11.30 am.**

We request you to treat this as a personal invitation and kindly attend the ceremony to pray for the departed soul.

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